

Simeon E. Dow House
South end of Prince Street
Dow City
Crawford County
Iowa

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE IOWA	COUNTY CRAWFORD	TOWN OR VICINITY DOW CITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) SIMEON E. DOW HOUSE		HABS NO. IA-70
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) South end of Prince Street.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1872-74	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built by Simeon Dow	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Simeon Dow was the cofounder of Dow City in 1869 and became a leading local entrepreneur.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Constructed of red brick with wood trim painted white.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) This irregularly shaped two story dwelling is three bays in length with a hipped roof. A single story porch with a balcony runs the length of the front elevation.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE There is an elaborate bracketed cornice under the eaves interrupted in the center by an arch pierced by a circular window. The windows and doors are capped with hood lintels with label moldings. The one story wooden porch across the front contains decorative brackets and balustrade with Italianate details.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent, restored 1971-74 by Harold Hoskins and Associates, architects. Historic house museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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